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Serial No. 10/608,043	Filing Date June 27, 2003	Examiner Unknown	Group Art Unit 3731
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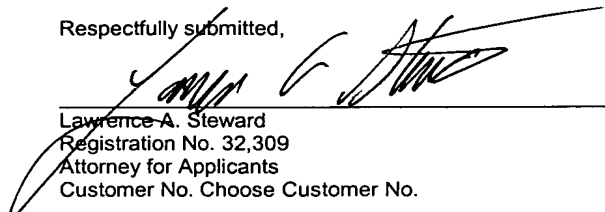
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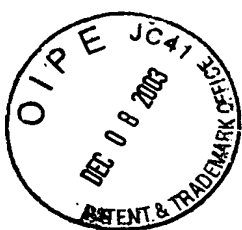

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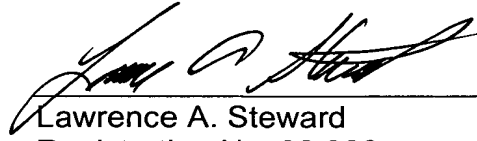
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